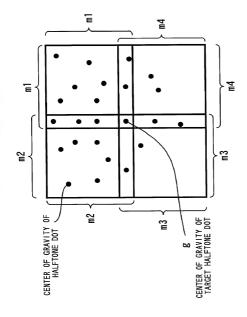


F1G.



F1G. 2

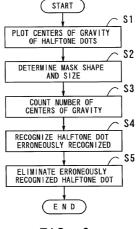
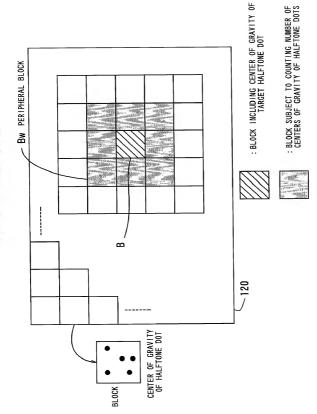
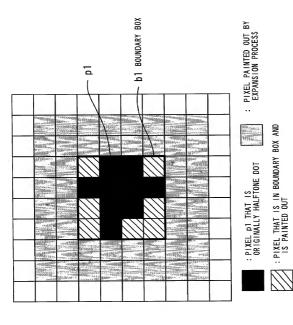


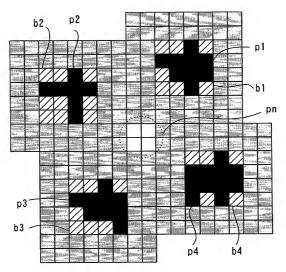
FIG. 3



F1G. 4



F1G. 5

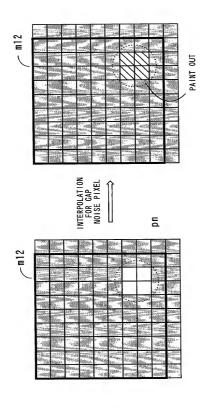


: PIXEL p1 THAT IS ORIGINALLY HALFTONE DOT

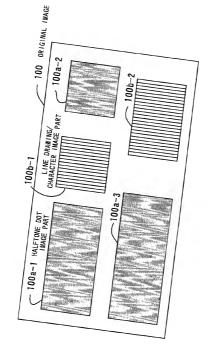
: PIXEL PAINTED OUT BY EXPANSION PROCESS

: PIXEL THAT IS IN BOUNDARY BOX AND IS PAINTED OUT

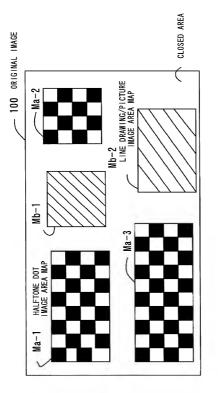
FIG. 6



F1G.



F1G. 8



F1G. 9

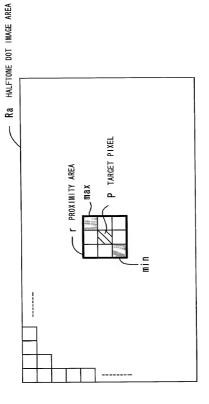


FIG. 10

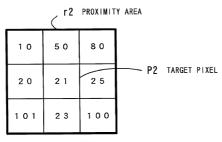
r1	F	ROX	IMI	ΤY	AREA

100	5 0	8 0			
200	2 0 1	205	P1	TARGET	PIXEL
2 1 0	230	100			

CHANGED PIXEL VALUE Pa=230 (MAXIMUM PIXEL VALUE AVAILABLE IN PROXIMITY AREA) \*  $\alpha$ 

0.  $0 < \alpha \le 1$ . 0

FIG. 11



CHANGED PIXEL VALUE Pb=230 (MINIMUM PIXEL VALUE AVAILABLE IN PROXIMITY AREA) \*  $\beta$ 

1. 0≤β

FIG. 12

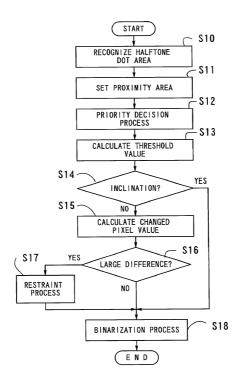
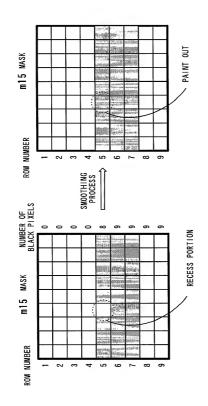


FIG. 13



F1G. 14

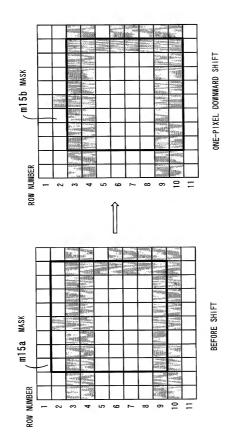


FIG. 15

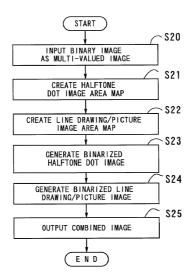


FIG. 16